



Booted Vehicles

Why was my vehicle booted?

Your vehicle can be booted in the District of Columbia if you have 2 or more delinquent parking tickets.

A parking ticket becomes delinquent when the registered vehicle owner doesn't respond by paying or contesting the ticket within 15 calendar days (includes weekends) of receiving the ticket. The day after the date on the ticket counts as day 1. In addition, the fine doubles when a ticket becomes delinquent.

Once a vehicle has two delinquent parking tickets, a boot can be attached at any time if it is parked on public space -- even when the vehicle is legally parked.

How much will it cost to remove the boot?

To release the boot, you must pay a boot fee of \$50 and all outstanding parking tickets.

The registered vehicle owner may contest a parking ticket if it is not in default (overdue) status, by going to 65 K Street NE, for a walk-in hearing. A parking ticket goes into default when the vehicle owner fails to respond to a parking ticket delinquent notice within 30 days by paying or contesting the ticket. (See "Parking Tickets" sheet for information on walk-in hearings.)

How can I pay the fines?

- Visit DC DMV/Adjudication Services, 65 K Street NE, Mon - Fri 8:30 am to 6:45 pm and Wed 8:30 am to 7:45 pm.
- Go to the service window to obtain a boot receipt and a printout of parking tickets, and then proceed to the cashier window to pay the boot fees and all outstanding parking tickets. You may pay by cash, certified check, money order, or Mastercard, Visa or Discover credit cards. We can not accepted personal checks for payments on booted vehicles.

The boot is generally released within two hours after payment.

How can I prevent my vehicle from getting booted again?

You can avoid getting booted by paying or contesting your parking tickets within 15 calendar days of the day you receive them. Once a vehicle has two or more delinquent parking tickets, it can be booted at any time.